

## FIJI AERONAUTICAL INFORMATION CIRCULAR



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### CERTIFICATION AND AIRWORTHINESS STANDARDS OF AIRCRAFT

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This AIC is issued to avoid any misunderstanding of this Authority's policy and to re-confirm the certification standards and airworthiness codes acceptable to the Civil Aviation Authority of Fiji for the issue and renewal of Certificates of Airworthiness (C of A), Maintenance approvals, continuing airworthiness and other matters concerned with the airworthiness of Fiji registered aircraft. The circular also details requirements for the licensing of Aircraft Maintenance Engineers.

#### 2. CERTIFICATE OF AIRWORTHINESS ISSUE

- 2.1 Newly manufactured large transport aeroplanes shall be certified to the appropriate Joint Aviation Requirements, (JAR) code JAR 25 or Federal Air Regulations (FAR) code FAR 25. The certification is to include UK Airworthiness Notices where applicable, UK Additional Airworthiness Directives and compliance with the Laws of Fiji Chapter 174 (Air Navigation Regulations).
- 2.2 Newly manufactured small aircraft (those below 5700kg) shall be certified to JAR 23, FAR 23, or British Civil Airworthiness Requirements (BCAR) 23. The certification is to include UK Airworthiness Notices where applicable, UK Additional Airworthiness Directives and compliance with the Laws of Fiji Chapter 174 (Air Navigation Regulations).
- 2.3 Used imported aircraft shall be certified to the appropriate JAR, BCAR, FAR or CAR code appropriate at the aircraft's date of manufacture. The certification is to include UK Airworthiness Notices where applicable, UK Additional Airworthiness Directives and compliance with the Laws of Fiji Chapter 174 (Air Navigation Regulations). Any modifications or STC's embodied on imported aircraft which have been installed since the aircraft was built must be declared by the applicant. These modifications will be

investigated by the Authority and if found unacceptable will cause the certification to be rejected.

### **3. CERTIFICATE OF AIRWORTHINESS RENEWAL**

- 3.1 All aircraft shall remain in compliance with the above requirements including the Airworthiness Directives issued by the Airworthiness Authority of the country of the aircraft's manufacture, applicable UK Airworthiness Notices, UK Additional Airworthiness Directives, and the Laws of Fiji Chapter 174 (Air Navigation Regulations). Compliance with these requirements shall be re-established at each C of A renewal.

### **4. MAINTENANCE OF AIRCRAFT**

- 4.1 Aircraft above 2730kg maximum take off weight and all aircraft operated for commercial air transport on the Fiji Register of Aircraft are required to be maintained by an organisation approved to the requirements of JAR 145. These organisations in Fiji will be identified as FJAR145 approved organisations and will have been issued with an approval certificate by the CAAF. The aircraft types and aircraft equipment that a company is approved to maintain will be stated on the approval certificate.
- 4.2 Aircraft below 2730kg not operated for commercial air transport must be maintained by organisations approved to the requirements of JAR145 or the BCAR M3 approval code.
- 4.3 ANR 16 requires the issue of a Certificate of Compliance following specific maintenance activity. A Certificate of Release to Service as defined in JAR145, issued under the terms of a FJAR145 approval, shall be taken as fulfilling the requirement for the Certificate of Compliance specified in ANR 16.

### **5. LICENSING OF AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE ENGINEERS**

- 5.1 All aircraft maintenance engineers required to make certification of fitness for flight, certification of maintenance or of compliance, relating to Fiji registered aircraft by the ANR 14, 15 and 16 or certification of release to service to the requirements of an FJAR145 approval must hold a Fiji Aircraft Maintenance Engineer's Licence issued by the CAAF. This does not apply where JAR145 allows certification of specified limited and simple tasks by suitably trained persons authorised by an FJAR145 approved organisation.
- 5.2 Aircraft Maintenance Engineers wishing to qualify for licences issued by the CAAF will be examined to the requirements of BCAR Section L

Licensing, and will upon passing these examinations be issued with licences in Categories, Subdivisions, and if appropriate, Types Ratings shown in BCAR, Section L and Airworthiness Notice Number 10.

**6. CANCELLATION**

- 6.1 This AIC is issued for guidance and information. It replaces Para 1 of AIC no. 4/94 which is cancelled. The information in Paragraph 2 of AIC 4-94 will be replaced by a separate AIC.